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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-THIRD DAY — THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2001

The house met at 10 a.m. and, at the request of the speaker, was called to order by Representative Goolsby.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 33).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Averitt; Bailey; Berman; Bonnen; Bosse; Brimer; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Capelo; Carter; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Clark; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Counts; Crabb; Craddick; Crownover; Danburg; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Ehrhardt; Eiland; Elkins; Ellis; Farrar; Flores; Gallego; Garcia; George; Geren; Giddings; Glaze; Goodman; Goolsby; Gray; Green; Grusendorf; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamric; Hardcastle; Hartnett; Hawley; Heflin; Hilderbran; Hill; Hinojosa; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Janek; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Junell; Keel; Keffer; King, P.; King, T.; Kitchen; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Lewis, G.; Lewis, R.; Longoria; Luna; Madden; Marchant; Maxey; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Oliveira; Olivo; Pickett; Puente; Ramsay; Rangel; Raymond; Reyna, A.; Reyna, E.; Ritter; Sadler; Salinas; Seaman; Shields; Smith; Solis; Solomons; Swinford; Talton; Telford; Thompson; Tillery; Truitt; Turner, B.; Turner, S.; Uher; Uresti; Villarreal; Walker; West; Williams; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Woolley; Yarbrough; Zbranek.

Absent, Excused — Alexander; Farabee; Hilbert; Jones, E.; Martinez Fischer; Najera; Noriega; Pitts; Smithee.

Absent — Wolens.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Dennis Young, pastor, Missouri City Baptist Church, Missouri City.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Farabee on
motion of Homer.

Noriega on motion of Cook.

E. Jones on motion of Crownover.

Smithee on motion of Bonnen.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business:

Martinez Fischer on motion of Cook.

Alexander on motion of Averitt.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of a death in the family:

Najera on motion of Salinas.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

(Speaker in the chair)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 18).

HCR 191 - ADOPTED

(by Coleman)

Representative Coleman moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 191**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 191, In honor of the contributions of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Texas.

HCR 191 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Coleman, who introduced representatives of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Texas.

HR 224 - ADOPTED

(by Averitt and Dunnam)

Representative Averitt moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 224**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 224, Honoring Nyla C. Alford of Waco on her retirement from the Heart of Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross.

HR 224 was adopted without objection.

HR 467 - ADOPTED

(by Keffer)

Representative Keffer moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 467**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 467, Honoring Neal Robert Moore of Cisco on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

HR 467 was adopted without objection.

HR 445 - ADOPTED
(by Ellis)

Representative Ellis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 445**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 445, Honoring Gladys Riley and Pat Riley, Sr., of Woodville on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 445 was adopted without objection.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Homer who presented Dr. Max Latham of Sulphur Springs as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Latham and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED

On motion of Representative Edwards and by unanimous consent, the reading and referral of bills was postponed until just prior to adjournment.

HB 323 - RECOMMITTED

Representative Solis moved to recommit **HB 323** from the Committee on Calendars to the Committee on Economic Development.

The motion prevailed.

GENERAL STATE CALENDAR
HOUSE BILLS
THIRD READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

HB 630 ON THIRD READING
(by S. Turner)

HB 630, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of a municipality to permit the use of unmarked automobiles by certain municipal code enforcement officers.

Amendment No. 1

Representative S. Turner offered the following amendment to **HB 630**:

Amend **HB 630** as follows:

Page 1, line 16. Insert "criminal" after environmental, so as to read:
enforce environmental criminal laws.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

A record vote was requested.

HB 630, as amended, was passed by (Record 34): 138 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Averitt; Bailey; Berman; Bonnen; Bosse; Brimer; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Capelo; Carter; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Clark; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Counts; Crabb; Craddick; Crownover; Danburg; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Ehrhardt; Eiland; Elkins; Ellis; Farrar; Flores; Gallego; Garcia; Geren; Giddings; Glaze; Goodman; Goolsby; Gray; Green; Grusendorf; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamric; Hardcastle; Hartnett; Hawley; Heflin; Hilderbran; Hill; Hinojosa; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Janek; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Junell; Keel; Keffer; King, P.; King, T.; Kitchen; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Lewis, G.; Lewis, R.; Longoria; Luna; Madden; Marchant; Maxey; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Oliveira; Olivo; Pickett; Puente; Ramsay; Rangel; Raymond; Reyna, A.; Reyna, E.; Ritter; Sadler; Salinas; Seaman; Shields; Smith; Solis; Solomons; Swinford; Talton; Telford; Thompson; Tillery; Truitt; Turner, B.; Turner, S.; Uher; Uresti; Villarreal; Walker; West; Williams; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Woolley; Yarbrough; Zbranek.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Alexander; Farabee; Hilbert; Jones, E.; Martinez Fischer; Najera; Noriega; Pitts; Smithee.

Absent — George; Wolens.

HB 1127 ON THIRD READING (by Rangel)

HB 1127, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to procedures governing employment contracts for faculty members at public institutions of higher education.

HB 1127 was passed. (Shields recorded voting no)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business:

Wolens on motion of Craddick.

HB 1362 ON THIRD READING (by Goodman, Williams, et al.)

HB 1362, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals; imposing civil and criminal penalties.

HB 1362 was passed. (B. Turner recorded voting no)

HB 453 ON THIRD READING

(by Swinford, McReynolds, B. Turner, Cook, Hardcastle, et al.)

HB 453, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Agriculture Policy Board.

HB 453 was passed.

HB 102 ON THIRD READING

(by Maxey, Wohlgenuth, Danburg, Naishtat, and Villarreal)

HB 102, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to abolishing the electronic imaging program of the Texas Department of Human Services.

HB 102 was passed. (Denny and Keel recorded voting no)

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Solis requested permission for the Committee on Economic Development to meet while the house is in session.

Permission to meet was granted without objection.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Economic Development, 10:55 a.m. today, speakers committee room, for a formal meeting, to consider **HB 323**.

HR 439 - ADOPTED

(by Counts)

Representative Counts moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 439**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 439, Honoring the members of regional water planning groups for their significant efforts.

HR 439 was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Geren, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 439** as signers thereof.

**BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING
AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 2).

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Hardcastle moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. Monday, March 12, in memory of Richard J. "Ricky" Peterson of Vernon.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The house accordingly, at 11:17 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. Monday, March 12.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 2601 (By Coleman), Relating to clarifying the taxation of possessory interests in certain municipal property.

To Ways & Means.

HB 2602 (By Coleman), Relating to indigent health care.

To Public Health.

HB 2603 (By Coleman), Relating to the tuition to be charged to certain foreign students.

To Higher Education.

HB 2604 (By McReynolds, Swinford, and Cook), Relating to assistance to certain volunteer fire departments and to the imposition of an insurance premium surcharge to finance that assistance.

To Agriculture & Livestock.

HB 2605 (By Hawley), Relating to the maximum tax rate for certain hospital districts.

To County Affairs.

HB 2606 (By Alexander), Relating to crew requirements for certain railroads.

To Transportation.

HB 2607 (By Alexander), Relating to the imposition of a fee for collecting a delinquent fine, court cost, or court-ordered attorney's fee.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2608 (By Kuempel and Danburg), Relating to the protection of bats; providing a penalty.

To State Recreational Resources.

HB 2609 (By Giddings), Relating to prekindergarten programs for public school students.

To Public Education.

HB 2610 (By Bonnen), Relating to the offense of criminal nonsupport of a child.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

HB 2611 (By Cook), Relating to flood plain management and flood insurance; providing a criminal penalty.

To Land & Resource Management.

HB 2612 (By Hochberg), Relating to the payment and funding of workers' compensation benefits for certain claimants who work part-time or have multiple employment.

To Business & Industry.

HB 2613 (By Hochberg), Relating to the payment and funding of workers' compensation benefits for certain claimants who work part-time or have multiple employment.

To Business & Industry.

HB 2614 (By Solis), Relating to a dental services pilot program in border-region counties.

To Public Health.

HB 2615 (By Solis), Relating to the timing of public hearings by the Parks and Wildlife Department that affect commercial fishing activities.

To State Recreational Resources.

HB 2616 (By Solis), Relating to a prohibition against converting the Queen Isabella Causeway to a turnpike project.

To Transportation.

HB 2617 (By Solis), Relating to authorizing counties to enact ordinances to protect the public health, safety, or welfare; providing a penalty.

To County Affairs.

HB 2618 (By Gray), Relating to the funding and operation of certain emergency management and disaster relief programs.

To Public Safety.

HB 2619 (By Gray), Relating to the practice of acupuncture.

To Public Health.

HB 2620 (By Goodman), Relating to standardizing contracts, forms, and other documents used in managed care plans.

To Insurance.

HB 2621 (By Bonnen), Relating to the offense of interference with child custody.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

HB 2622 (By Bailey), Relating to arbitration of disputes between a metropolitan rapid transit authority and its employees.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2623 (By Bailey), Relating to personal leave for noncontract employees in school districts having an enrollment of at least 200,000 students.

To Public Education.

HB 2624 (By Bailey), Relating to grievance procedures for noncontract employees of school districts with an enrollment of at least 200,000 students.
To Public Education.

HB 2625 (By Bailey), Relating to public access to sex offender information and criminal history record information maintained by the Department of Public Safety.
To Public Safety.

HB 2626 (By Bailey), Relating to legislative review and gubernatorial suspension of certain rules of state agencies.
To State Affairs.

HB 2627 (By Bonnen), Relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for membership in or admission to a health spa.
To Ways & Means.

HB 2628 (By Wolens), Relating to the powers and rights of a cultural educational facilities finance corporation.
To County Affairs.

HB 2629 (By Wohlgemuth), Relating to authorizing certain community bingo games offered without charge and with nominal prizes.
To Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

HB 2630 (By Wohlgemuth), Relating to the study of disease management programs for tuberculosis in the Texas-Mexico border region.
To Public Health.

HB 2631 (By Wohlgemuth), Relating to the operation of the financial assistance program.
To Human Services.

HB 2632 (By Wohlgemuth), Relating to adoption of a medical savings account program for active employees of school districts.
To Teachers Health Insurance, Select.

HB 2633 (By Homer), Relating to the application of the professional prosecutors law to and the compensation of the county attorney of Rains County.
To Judicial Affairs.

HB 2634 (By Farrar), Relating to the types of restrictions that may be enforced by certain municipalities.
To Land & Resource Management.

HB 2635 (By Farrar), Relating to certain employee suspensions and procedures for appealing those suspensions in certain sheriff's departments.
To County Affairs.

HB 2636 (By George), Relating to technology development and transfer by institutions of higher education.
To Higher Education.

HB 2637 (By George), Relating to an interim study of certain school district ad valorem tax rates.

To Ways & Means.

HB 2638 (By George), Relating to certain fees for collecting, disbursing, or monitoring spousal maintenance or child support payments in Dallas County.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

HB 2639 (By Dutton), Relating to the inclusion of an incarcerated person in the population data used for redistricting according to the person's last residence before incarceration.

To Elections.

HB 2640 (By Dutton), Relating to the regulation of casket sales.

To Business & Industry.

HB 2641 (By Tillery), Relating to administrative penalties assessed for certain unmeritorious challenges to workers' compensation claims.

To Business & Industry.

HB 2642 (By Tillery), Relating to prohibiting an employer who does not provide workers' compensation insurance coverage from engaging in certain discrimination against an employee who sustains an employment-related injury.

To Business & Industry.

HB 2643 (By Morrison), Relating to the ratification of the creation of and to the administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of the Crossroads Groundwater Conservation District.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2644 (By Brimer), Relating to payment procedures for charges assessed for certain workers' compensation medical benefits.

To Business & Industry.

HB 2645 (By Capelo), Relating to the imposition of costs on certain convictions to pay for expenses related to jury sequestration.

To Judicial Affairs.

HB 2646 (By Capelo), Relating to the funding of highway projects in certain municipalities.

To Transportation.

HB 2647 (By Capelo), Relating to a pilot program of nutrition, preventative health care, and physical activity for certain public school students.

To Public Education.

HB 2648 (By Capelo), Relating to the administration of epinephrine by certain emergency medical services personnel.

To Public Health.

HB 2649 (By Capelo), Relating to prohibiting the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission from imposing controls more stringent than federal controls on motor fuel content.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2650 (By Capelo), Relating to requiring hepatitis C training for registered nurses.

To Public Health.

HB 2651 (By Capelo), Relating to simplifying the certification process for medical assistance provided to children.

To Public Health.

HB 2652 (By Capelo), Relating to measuring the height and weight of public school students.

To Public Education.

HB 2653 (By Geren), Relating to the form and content of notices of matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2654 (By P. King), Relating to a requirement that a child-care facility or family home complete a background and criminal history record check before hiring a new employee.

To Human Services.

HB 2655 (By P. King), Relating to the right of a criminal defendant to severance of multiple intoxication manslaughter offenses arising out of the same criminal episode.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2656 (By P. King), Relating to a licensed peace officer who is a visiting resource officer in a public school.

To Public Safety.

HB 2657 (By Ehrhardt), Relating to the authorization of bonds by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2658 (By Counts), Relating to the authority of Knox County Hospital District to enter into a loan agreement.

To County Affairs.

HB 2659 (By Marchant), Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to offer certain alarm services.

To Public Safety.

HB 2660 (By Christian), Relating to a requirement that recipients of public assistance enroll dependent children in a public health care program.

To Human Services.

HB 2661 (By S. Turner), Relating to consumer protections relating to the provision of electricity.

To State Affairs.

HB 2662 (By S. Turner), Relating to the office of advocate for children in the custody of a governmental entity.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

HB 2663 (By Grusendorf), Relating to a license or permit for certain sex offenders to operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle.
To Public Safety.

HB 2664 (By Grusendorf), Relating to the liability of public school employees and volunteers and certain independent contractors of public schools and to false statements against those persons; providing a criminal penalty.
To Civil Practices.

HB 2665 (By Oliveira), Relating to the duties and powers of the Southmost Regional Water Authority.
To Natural Resources.

HB 2666 (By Krusee), Relating to a public education scholarship program.
To Public Education.

HB 2667 (By Carter), Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to place and maintain traffic-control devices in certain municipalities.
To Transportation.

HB 2668 (By Christian), Relating to restrictions on the transfer of groundwater from a rural county to another county.
To Natural Resources.

HB 2669 (By Janek), Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Health to prepare a request for information for storing and distributing vaccines.
To Public Health.

HB 2670 (By Janek), Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Health to allow health care providers to use certain vaccines in the vaccines for children program.
To Public Health.

HB 2671 (By Janek), Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Health to promote the vaccines for children program to certain health care providers not currently enrolled in the program.
To Public Health.

HB 2672 (By Villarreal), Relating to a pilot program to fund research and development assistance for small businesses.
To Economic Development.

HB 2673 (By Villarreal), Relating to the collection and assessment of certain information by the Texas Workforce Commission.
To Economic Development.

HB 2674 (By Truitt), Relating to notice of default judgment provided to a person against whom the judgment is rendered.
To Judicial Affairs.

HB 2675 (By Truitt), Relating to the establishment of an adult fatality review team and to the reporting and investigation of certain adult deaths; providing a penalty.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2676 (By Truitt), Relating to the establishment of a domestic violence fatality review team in certain counties.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2677 (By Bailey), Relating to the right of certain municipalities to maintain local control over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2678 (By Bailey), Relating to the repair of a motor vehicle under an insurance policy; providing penalties.

To Insurance.

HB 2679 (By Capelo), Relating to the authority of the judges of the county courts at law in Nueces County to impanel general jury panels for service in certain courts.

To Judicial Affairs.

HB 2680 (By Miller), Relating to prohibiting a governmental body from disclosing social security numbers to a member of the public.

To State Affairs.

HB 2681 (By Allen), Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use hotel occupancy tax revenue for certain venue projects.

To Ways & Means.

HB 2682 (By Allen), Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to dedicate tax revenue from certain reinvestment zones.

To Ways & Means.

HB 2683 (By Allen), Relating to public improvement projects to enforce deed restrictions and perform architectural control.

To Land & Resource Management.

HB 2684 (By Kuempel), Relating to the condemnation authority of the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Land & Resource Management.

HB 2685 (By Bosse), Relating to prohibiting certain attorney's fees from being included in the cost of foreclosure of a property owners' association's lien and establishing a right of redemption in relation to the foreclosure.

To Business & Industry.

HB 2686 (By Solis), Relating to tax incentives for certain businesses located in enterprise zones, defense readjustment zones, or certain federally designated zones.

To Economic Development.

HB 2687 (By Junell), Relating to the program for the regulation and remediation of underground and aboveground storage tanks.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2688 (By Salinas), Relating to school bus passenger safety.

To Transportation.

HB 2689 (By Maxey), Relating to the conduct of primary elections.

To Elections.

HB 2690 (By Walker), Relating to enforcement measures available to groundwater conservation districts.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2691 (By Madden), Relating to procedures for the electronic transfer of voter registration applications by certain voter registration agencies.

To Elections.

HB 2692 (By Madden), Relating to certain practices and procedures involving the conduct of early voting by mail.

To Elections.

HB 2693 (By Madden), Relating to the meaning of electioneering and to the distance within which electioneering is prohibited at an early voting polling place.

To Elections.

HB 2694 (By Madden), Relating to disclosure of contracts between candidates for or holders of certain public offices and governmental entities; providing civil and criminal penalties.

To State Affairs.

HB 2695 (By Madden), Relating to the return to the dispensing pharmacy of unused prescription drugs for which the state paid all or part of the cost by a convalescent or nursing home.

To Human Services.

HB 2696 (By Hinojosa), Relating to certain provisions in civil asset forfeiture.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2697 (By Keffer), Relating to validating certain actions and the boundaries of the Acton Municipal Utility District.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2698 (By Keffer), Relating to the Palo Pinto County Hospital District.

To County Affairs.

HB 2699 (By Averitt), Relating to protection of water quality from certain animal feeding operations.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2700 (By Chavez), Relating to certain services provided through telemedicine.

To Public Health.

HB 2701 (By Homer), Relating to the enhancement of penalties for certain intoxication offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2702 (By Hilderbran), Relating to regulating the noise level of motorboats.

To State Recreational Resources.

HB 2703 (By A. Reyna), Relating to school district special education advocacy programs.

To Public Education.

HB 2704 (By A. Reyna), Relating to the cost of education adjustment for a school district that participates in the social security retirement program.

To Public Education.

HB 2705 (By A. Reyna), Relating to the use of a spell checker during the TASP test by students with learning disabilities.

To Higher Education.

HB 2706 (By A. Reyna), Relating to a legislative, vacation, and sick leave time bank for certain peace officers and firefighters.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2707 (By A. Reyna), Relating to prekindergarten programs for public school students.

To Public Education.

HB 2708 (By A. Reyna), Relating to conditions of employment for an employee of certain sheriff's departments.

To County Affairs.

HB 2709 (By Hawley), Relating to the use of an electric utility's power of condemnation to construct, operate, or maintain an electric transmission line.

To State Affairs.

HB 2710 (By Kuempel), Relating to regulation and management of deer; providing penalties.

To State Recreational Resources.

HB 2711 (By Wilson), Relating to financial requirements applicable to certain health maintenance organizations.

To Insurance.

HB 2712 (By Deshotel), Relating to the establishment of a pilot program by the Texas Workforce Commission for life-skills training.

To Economic Development.

HB 2713 (By Deshotel), Relating to the eligibility of public schools and libraries for certain funds.

To Economic Development.

HB 2714 (By Deshotel), Relating to a cash advance made or issued in connection with a credit card agreement.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 2715 (By Carter), Relating to establishing the positions of regional development coordinator and of database information specialist in the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2716 (By Maxey), Relating to an application for the appointment of a guardian for certain incapacitated minors.

To Judicial Affairs.

HB 2717 (By Maxey), Relating to permanency planning procedures for children in state institutions.
To Human Services.

HB 2718 (By R. Lewis), Relating to recovery of certain relocation costs by a gas utility.
To Energy Resources.

HB 2719 (By Noriega), Relating to the use of obsolete bridges, tunnels, and causeways to create artificial reefs.
To State Recreational Resources.

HB 2720 (By Noriega), Relating to local control of county law enforcement employment matters in certain counties.
To County Affairs.

HB 2721 (By Raymond), Relating to the use of the compensation to victims of crime fund to pay for expert witnesses in criminal cases based on child abuse or the death of a child.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2722 (By Raymond), Relating to license plates issued to persons with disabilities who are mobile amateur radio operators.
To Transportation.

HB 2723 (By Raymond), Relating to civil actions involving persons who file complaints with governmental agencies.
To Civil Practices.

HB 2724 (By Junell), Relating to certain state agency operating plans and strategic plans for information resources management.
To State Affairs.

HB 2725 (By Driver), Relating to the regulation of persons engaged in the sale of portable cylinders containing liquefied petroleum gas.
To Energy Resources.

HCR 196 (By Isett and D. Jones), Designating Lubbock as the Texas City of Vatican Art for Year 2002.
To State, Federal & International Relations.

HCR 197 (By Miller), Designating Gatesville as the Spur Capital of Texas.
To State, Federal & International Relations.

HCR 198 (By Grusendorf), Memorializing congress to support President Bush's tax proposals.
To Ways & Means.

HCR 199 (By Homer), Granting Brandy Suzane Hilliard permission to sue the state and the Parks and Wildlife Department.
To Civil Practices.

HCR 200 (By Goodman and Gray), Commending the Texas Legislative Council for its excellent work on the revised Texas Penal Code, recently selected as the best-written penal code in the United States.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HJR 82 (By Counts), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue additional general obligation bonds and to use certain assets in certain funds to provide for veterans homes and veterans cemeteries and to make certain payments on revenue bonds.

To State, Federal & International Relations.

HJR 83 (By Counts), Proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of constable in Knox County.

To County Affairs.

HJR 84 (By Counts), Proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of constable in Kent County.

To County Affairs.

HJR 85 (By Bosse), Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and college professors, and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local government districts.

To Public Education.

HJR 86 (By Wilson), Proposing a constitutional amendment to establish the State Investment Commission, with authority to invest state funds.

To State Affairs.

HJR 87 (By Carter), Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the maximum tax rate allowed on property in emergency service and rural fire prevention districts.

To County Affairs.

HJR 88 (By Alexander), Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating one-fourth of any revenue derived from an increase in the rate of a motor fuel tax to funding group health benefits for active employees of school districts.

To Teachers Health Insurance, Select.

HJR 89 (By Eiland), Proposing a constitutional amendment allowing a county to construct, maintain, or improve in the county any street, road, or highway of a city, town, or village.

To County Affairs.

HJR 90 (By Smithee), Proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of constable in Randall County.

To County Affairs.

HR 457 (By Berman), Recognizing July 16, 2001, as Atomic Veteran Day of Remembrance in Texas.

To State, Federal & International Relations.

HR 472 (By B. Turner), Recognizing McCamey as the Wind Energy Capital of Texas.

To State, Federal & International Relations.

HR 475 (By Geren), Congratulating the Texas Christian University Lady Frogs basketball team on winning their first Western Athletic Conference championship.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 476 (By Menendez), Commemorating April 20-29, 2001, as Fiesta San Antonio.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 477 (By Wise), In honor of Richard Rivera of Weslaco earning a Texas Exemplary Superintendent of the Year Award.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 478 (By Coleman), Honoring Reggie "Air Man" Dixon of Houston for his work with the Conceive, Believe, and Achieve Program.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 479 (By Ramsay), Recognizing March 15, 2001, as Mount Vernon/Franklin County Day at the State Capitol.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 480 (By Ramsay), Recognizing March 27, 2001, as Wood County Day at the State Capitol.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 481 (By Ramsay), In memory of Edwin Arnold Spacek of Quitman.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 482 (By Wise), Honoring Alicia Cron for being selected as the Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Texas Council of Teachers of English.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 483 (By Uher), Honoring David L. "Tex" Hill of San Antonio.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 484 (By Hunter), Honoring Breedlove Dehydrated Foods and the International Rotary Club for their efforts to combat hunger.

To Rules & Resolutions.

SB 78 to Civil Practices.

SB 113 to Transportation.

SB 157 to Transportation.

SB 220 to Transportation.

SB 236 to Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

SB 517 to Land & Resource Management.

SB 559 to State Affairs.

SB 565 to Financial Institutions.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

House List No. 18

HCR 143, HCR 183

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER**

Austin, Texas

Thursday, March 8, 2001

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:**SB 48** Zaffirini

Relating to sanctions imposed on recipients of temporary assistance for needy families for failure to provide certain information.

SB 53 Zaffirini

Relating to access to criminal history record information by the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

SB 206 Bivins

Relating to the transfer of and funding for public school students who are the victims of certain criminal offenses.

SB 207 Bivins

Relating to procedures in a teacher suspension or contract termination hearing.

SB 217 Fraser

Relating to the application and enforcement of traffic regulations in certain private subdivisions.

SB 289 Armbrister

Relating to the exemption of small hydroelectric facilities from water quality management and watermaster fees.

SB 331 Haywood

Relating to agricultural policy for the state.

SB 472 Barrientos

Relating to the protection of certain unmarked burials and associated human remains or funerary objects and to the creation of certain offenses concerning unmarked burials; providing criminal penalties.

SB 515 Madla

Relating to the establishment of an adult fatality review team and to the reporting and investigation of certain adult deaths; providing a penalty.

SB 573 Bivins

Relating to a public awareness campaign to promote the value and availability of higher education.

SB 634 Bernsen

Relating to the authority of certain counties to prohibit glass products on public beaches.

SB 645 Shapiro

Relating to the establishment of an electronic system for occupational licensing transactions.

SB 664 Madla

Relating to the investigation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of persons in certain facilities.

SCR 29 Carona

Designating March 2001 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Texas.

SCR 30 Bivins

Commending the achievements and contributions of the citizens of Hutchinson County on its 100th anniversary.

SCR 31 Bivins

Congratulating the citizens of Borger on its 75th anniversary.

Respectfully,

Betty King
Secretary of the Senate

Message No. 2

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Thursday, March 8, 2001 - 2

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

HCR 42 West, George "Buddy" SPONSOR: Bivins

Declaring Odessa the Jackrabbit-Roping Capital of Texas.

SB 181 Fraser

Relating to the terms of court of the 32nd Judicial District.

SB 261 Bernsen

Relating to the warnings pet stores must provide concerning reptile-associated salmonellosis; providing an administrative penalty.

SB 263 Ogden

Relating to a written policy regulating certain travel by students enrolled at public institutions of higher education.

SB 270 Lindsay

Relating to the meaning of "agricultural crop" for purposes of the exemption of certain wells from fees charged by the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

SB 276 Shapleigh

Relating to the application of a seal to an electronic document.

SB 417 Jackson

Relating to the creation, powers, and boundaries of certain municipal development districts.

SB 467 Zaffirini

Relating to dual language immersion programs in certain public schools.

SB 519 Shapleigh

Relating to requiring a state agency that adjusts a local matching funds requirement to submit an annual report.

SB 523 Armbrister

Relating to participation and credit in, contributions to, and benefits and administration of the Texas County and District Retirement System.

SB 553 Duncan

Relating to the creation of a task force to review the methods and procedures used to evaluate a criminal defendant's competency to stand trial and use of the insanity defense.

SB 585 Carona

Relating to exemption of certain persons from the license requirements imposed under the Mortgage Broker License Act.

SB 620 Jackson

Relating to extension of restrictions imposing regular assessments in certain residential real estate subdivisions.

SB 640 Duncan

Relating to electronic filing of certain tax reports and payments.

SB 708 Madla

Relating to the retirement system for firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

SB 714 Sibley

Relating to the regulation of certain warrantors of vehicle protection products; providing penalties.

SB 717 Duncan

Relating to the boll weevil eradication program.

Respectfully,

Betty King

Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

March 7

County Affairs - **SB 286**

Insurance - **HB 186, HB 296, HB 362, HB 606, HB 793**

Juvenile Justice & Family Issues - **HB 594, HB 596, HB 597, HB 919, HB 997, HB 1790, SB 140**

Land & Resource Management - **HB 1264, HJR 52**

Licensing & Administrative Procedures - **HB 1506**

Public Safety - **HB 780, HB 940**

State, Federal & International Relations - **HB 440, HB 995**

ENROLLED

March 7 - HCR 143, HCR 183

SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

March 7 - HCR 189

RECOMMENDATIONS FILED WITH THE SPEAKER

March 7 - HB 1844, HB 1909, HB 1990

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

March 7 - HCR 86, HCR 96, HCR 142, HCR 145, HCR 175, HCR 180

